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The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim(s) 1, 16, and 31 but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 6, 14, 15, 21, 29, 30, 38 and 39 dependent thereon. There are no allowed claims in the application. The independent claim(s) is/are cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claim(s) in independent form to avoid ABANDONMENT of the application. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

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